

# HIRED TO KILL WOMAN, HE BEAT HER TO DEATH WITH COBBLER'S STAND

John Kacernashas Confessed, According to Police, That He Murdered Mrs. Joseph Chernock in Her Home at Milford, Conn., and Stole \$110 in Cash.

## EMPLOYERS WAITED NEAR AS HE DID IT

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Milford, Conn., Feb. 2.—John Kacernashas, 38 years of age, was arrested in his bed in a room in Bridgeport to-day, and is charged by the police with the murder of Mrs. Joseph Chernock in her home here yesterday.

The officials said the accused man admitted killing Mrs. Chernock by beating her with a cobbler's iron stand after which he searched the house until he found \$110, which the woman's husband had saved to pay interest upon a mortgage upon his home.

According to his story he was hired by two other men to obtain the money. These men, he said drove him from Bridgeport yesterday in an automobile and waited nearby while he killed the woman and obtained the cash. The police started a search to find these men.

Mrs. Chernock was the mother of six children, the oldest 12 years of age and the youngest one month. Residents started a fund today to help the children.

## SUBMARINE HIT BY PILOT BOAT

The L-1 Had to Be Beached as Engine Compartment Was Flooded.

Philadelphia, Feb. 2.—The submarine L-1 was in collision off the Delaware capes early today with the steam pilot boat Philadelphia, sustaining damage that caused her to be beached in the inner harbor of the Delaware breakwater at Lewes. The engine room compartment of the submarine is flooded with 12 feet of water and her stern is submerged. There were no casualties.

According to a report at the navy yard, the pilot boat struck the L-1 on the port quarter. The captain of the Philadelphia said he did not see the submarine until it was too late.

The Philadelphia returned to her station, after towing the submarine to the beach. It is believed the pilot boat sustained no serious damage.

## COAL TRAINS MOVING

After Being Tied Up for Several Days By Strike.

Morgantown, W. Va., Feb. 2.—Coal trains were again moving today on the eleven miles of the West Virginia Northern railroad between Kingwood and Tunnellton, W. Va., after a suspension of several days because the road's 45 employees refused to accept a reduction of ten per cent. The general, walking just in front, quacks now and then in order that the slightest ox may follow and, when the pond is reached, the gander stands guard while his protégé drinks his fill. When the ox has finished drinking, the gander leads him back to the field.

## PROUD OLD GANDER GUIDES BLIND OX TO WATERING PLACE

Greensboro, Ala., Feb. 2.—A tale of the extraordinary friendship existing between a gander and a blind ox on the farm of Braxton Holcomb, in the southern end of the county, was brought here today.

Each day so the story goes, a stately gander, with his breast full of sympathy and his head full of responsibility, leads an aged and totally blind ox to a nearby pond for water. The gander, walking just in front, quacks now and then in order that the slightest ox may follow and, when the pond is reached, the gander stands guard while his protégé drinks his fill. When the ox has finished drinking, the gander leads him back to the field.

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## AWOKE ONE DAY TOO LATE FOR HER WEDDING PLANS

New York, Feb. 2.—Awaking from a month's sleep one day after she was to have been married, Miss Yetta Tehman, 21 years of age, to-day said she felt no ill effects and would be married in a week or two.

Physicians said she had not been suffering from sleeping sickness and that they were unable to diagnose the malady.

Fatigued from social duties during the Christmas holidays, she went to sleep Jan. 1, and on many days she lay without moving a muscle and at times was delirious.

## STANDARD'S WAGES AND PRICES DROP

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New York, Feb. 2.—Coincident with reports of wage reductions, the Standard Oil company of New Jersey today announced a reduction of one cent a gallon in the price of gasoline and kerosene in New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and Louisiana.

The wholesale price of gasoline in Jersey City and Baltimore was reduced from 28½ to 27½ cents and kerosene from 18½ to 17½ cents.

The Standard Oil company of New York reduced the price of kerosene from 19 to 18 cents by tank wagon, motor gasoline from 31 to 30 cents in steel barrels and varnish makers and painters' naphtha 30 to 29 cents per gallon.

The proposed reduction in pay, according to employees who have been notified of the plan, will take the form of suspension of a ten per cent bonus granted during the war to offset the pressure of high living costs. At the time the bonus was made effective, the company announced that it reserved the right to suspend when living costs returned toward normal.

## PARKHURST BODY RESTS IN CAPITOL

Long Lines of Citizens Passed Before the Casket and Gazed into Face of Dead Governor.

Augusta, Me., Feb. 2.—Hundreds of men, women and children with heads bowed in sorrow, hushed in the presence of death, paid their respects today to Frederic H. Parkhurst, Maine's 46th governor.

In the huge rotunda of the capitol, with its massive pillars and walls hung with the black and white of mourning, the bronze casket containing the body of the man who reached his life's ambition only to serve as chief executive for a few short weeks, rested in a mass of flowers, silent tributes from his friends.

The long lines of citizens passed the bier of the man whom they had so recently chosen as their leader and to whom today they paid their mark of respect. There was much evidence of the deep sorrow which has been apparent about the capital the past three days and, in many instances, friends of the late governor wept as they gazed upon his face for the last time.

This was only the beginning of the impressive ceremonies which close the great book of his life. The ceremony of the state will be held here tomorrow morning when officials of Maine and the nation will unite with the private citizens in honoring the memory of one of Maine's sons, while the less public, but none the less impressive, service for the family and immediate friends will be held in Bangor, his home city, tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Parkhurst and members of the family viewed the body shortly before 10 o'clock.

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## OF WITHDRAWAL FROM WAREHOUSES

Wholesale Disposition of Liquor Similarly Restricted

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—The authority of the government to issue permits for the withdrawal of liquor from bonded warehouses is limited to manufacturers and wholesale druggists, Attorney General Palmer ruled in an opinion made public today by Commissioner of Internal Revenue Williams.

Issuance of permits for the disposition of liquor by wholesale also is limited to manufacturers and wholesale druggists.

Commissioner Williams said that, while the attorney general's opinion eliminated the wholesale liquor dealers from the right to permit, it was not the intention of the bureau to interfere with the disposition of their present stocks. He declined to say what regulations would be adopted covering liquor in bonded warehouses owned by wholesale dealers, but suggested that it might be possible for the dealers to dispose of their bonded stocks by the transfer of the warehouse certificates to wholesale druggists or manufacturers entitled to permits.

Mr. Palmer's ruling on the question of permits for the sale in wholesale quantities of liquor is limited to alcoholic spirits which have not been denatured.

## ST. ALBANS ADOPTS CITY MANAGER PLAN

With Provision That It Can Be Discarded If, After Three Years' Trial, It Is Found Unsatisfactory.

St. Albans, Feb. 2.—St. Albans last night voted to adopt the city manager plan.

A special city meeting was held at the city hall and there was a large attendance as the matter had been discussed pro and con and each side was greatly desirous of winning out. Acting Mayor Leo F. Willson presided and opened the meeting. The city warning was read by City Clerk B. M. Hopkins.

Harry D. Leonard presented an amendment giving the city the right to revoke the proposed amendments to the city charter, providing for a city manager plan of municipal government and the Cleveland plan of taxation, after a three-year trial if the plan does not prove satisfactory.

He put the amendment before the House as a motion and it was seconded by M. F. Sullivan. Acting Mayor Willson put it for a vote and may vote and it was unanimously adopted. Then a ballot was taken on the proposed amendments and the result was as follows: Yes, 218; no, 287. If the new amendments to the charter are passed by both houses at the Vermont legislature they will go into effect after the 1921 March meeting.

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## HARTNESS PLAN GETS A START

By Action of Vermont House in Passing Commerce Commission

## OPPOSITION WAS VERY SPIRITED

Mr. Wishart of Barre Was One of Leading Supporters of the Bill

The first real test of where the Vermont legislature stands in regard to the Hartness plan for progress came in the House this morning, when H. 37, establishing a commission on foreign and domestic commerce, which was favored by Gov. Hartness, was passed by a standing vote of 106 to 37, following a snappy debate in which the measure was attacked by Mr. Bradley of Swanton and Mr. Bates of Highgate and defended by Mr. Barber of Wilmington and Mr. Wishart of Barre City.

After cleaning up its calendar this morning, the Senate went into executive session to consider further appointments sent in by Governor Hartness. No action was taken in the executive session and the appointments will, according to custom, remain in the Senate for 24 hours.

Senator Carpenter of Franklin county introduced in the Senate this morning a new proposal of amendment to the constitution which would require a person to be able to read to be entitled to the privilege of voting. The proposal was referred to the committee on judiciary.

The first resolution of the session looking toward expediting business was introduced this morning by Senator Dunham, providing for the appointment of a special committee to expedite the work of the general assembly.

Under suspension of the rules, the Senate took H. 7, increasing the pay of justices of the supreme court and superior court, clear through the legislative process this morning, the rules being suspended on motion of Senator Colburn of Rutland county and the bill passed in concurrence without a dissenting vote. All that the measure now requires to make it a law is the signature of Governor Hartness. The Senate suspended the rules also and passed in concurrence H. 95, relating to the liquor license question. Senator Foster of Rutland county moved for the suspension of the rule.

When H. 37, to establish commission on foreign and domestic commerce, came up for passage, the measure had been under consideration for some time. Mr. Wishart of Barre City, Bradley of Swanton opposed the bill on the grounds that it was going to cost the state considerable, as he thought it would require continual appropriations to support this commission, even though the bill said that they were to serve without pay. He explained that a commission such as called for in the bill, already exists, having been appointed by Governor Clement, at the request of Governor Coolidge of Massachusetts, and that he thought this commission should be legalized. There is now a legal commission of this nature in every New England state except Vermont. Mr. Barber explained that the commission had rendered service in securing care for the products of the state, had assisted in relieving the coal situation, and he thought it was a question of whether Vermont wants to work with the other New England states or go along alone in this connection.

Mr. Bates of Highgate said that Vermont is primarily an agricultural state and that he did not believe that government by commission was a good thing anyway. He said that when a commission advises to work without expense, there is always more or less expense connected with it before it is through.

Mr. Wishart made a strong speech in support of the bill. He said that the measure had been in the committee for some time, that nobody had appeared against it, that he had conferred with the governor concerning it and had amended it as the governor suggested as to appointment of the commission for longer terms and that the governor was strongly in favor of the bill.

"Millions of dollars are involved in this state on other things than agriculture," said Mr. Wishart, in answer to Mr. Bates, and the gentleman from Barre urged that the agriculture men in the House take into consideration that anything which helps the industries of the state also helps the farms, that the should work together. He reminded the House that when the farmers had measures up which interested them particularly, those measures had been given careful consideration by the other members and he asked for the same consideration for this measure, and thus work toward a better feeling of community interest, to get industry into the state and further the interest of the industrial cities and towns, even though it may cost a little money. The measure then went to a vote as above noted.

There was a general debate in the House on the bill fixing the bounty on hedges, and on the fact that it was Candlemas day added to the general

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Miss Mabel Beardsley, acting matron at the pre-nuptial at Essex Court for a time, is Burlington's new public health nurse, beginning her duties on Feb. 1.

## GEN. PERSHING GIVES WARNING

Pacifism and Unpreparedness Should Not Be Tolerated

## TOLD HOUSE NAVAL COMMITTEE

Believes in World Disarmament When Five Big Nations Agree

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—A warning against pacifism and unpreparedness was given the House naval committee today by General Pershing, who appeared to discuss world disarmament.

While expressing approval of the proposal for a world disarmament conference he said the United States should go ahead with its present navy programs until a definite agreement had been reached at least by the five great powers.

"We should steer clear of drifting into a pacifist state of mind simply because we are discussing this subject," General Pershing asserted. "None of us wants war, but we do not want to be caught unprepared if war comes."

"Until some agreement is had I would say that the safe policy for the United States to pursue would be to continue our army and navy programs and not allow ourselves to be caught unprepared as we were at the beginning of the world war. It is unsafe and unwise for one nation to disarm at such a time as this unless the others do likewise. I think I am in a position to know, better than any other, the danger of unpreparedness meant at the beginning of the war."

The nations of the world know, the general added, that America's economic position would enable it to outstrip the world in military preparation if it so desired and therefore they would realize the sincerity of a move for disarmament if initiated by this country and would subscribe to it gladly.

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## SHARP DISCUSSION

On Bill Reducing Women's Hours of Work.

One of the liveliest hearings of the present session was held before the committee on commerce and labor last evening. The bill under consideration was H. 32, providing for a nine and a half hour day and a 48-hour week for women. The committee room was crowded and the exchanges between the various speakers were spirited and at times personal so that the audience was in a roar of laughter nearly half the time.

Alexander Ironside of Barre, speaking in behalf of organized labor, defended the measure at some length, as a matter of justice and humanity. Senator Vilas of Chittenden county, who introduced the bill, took on himself the chief burden of defense. He admitted that while some of its provisions might be too drastic, he thought concessions could be made by both parties so that a useful measure could be evolved.

Manufacturers and employers of labor from many parts of the state were present and spoke at length in regard to the desire of working women for overtime. Harry Daniels of East Montpelier, former senator, provided most of the humor of the evening by his sharp replies and questions fired principally at Senator Vilas and Mr. Ironside. Representative Warner of Ludlow told of the large amount of money which the working women had earned in the wooden mills during the past two or three years.

Others who appeared in opposition were H. E. Whitney, Estey Organ Company, Brattleboro; E. G. Gustafson, Ford Dummer Cotton mills; A. P. Wilder, Bridgewater Woollen mills; James F. Dewey, Dewey's mills; William S. Smith, Smith Crackers and Candy company, White River Junction; George West, Vermont Baking company, Northfield; F. N. Davis, Green Mountain Card company, Hartford; William Walker, Otisago Woollen mills; J. S. Conner, Hartford Woollen company; Frank M. Cory, Montpelier.

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## SEVENTH CHILD FIRE VICTIM

Another Child of Henry Martell Family of Rochester Cannot Live

## MOTHER'S CONDITION VERY UNFAVORABLE

Search of Ruins Reveals Only Traces of the Other Bodies

Bethel, Feb. 2.—One more death was added today to the list of victims of the fire in the home of Henry Martell at Rochester yesterday, making the dead total seven. A two-year-old girl of Mr. and Mrs. Martell died last night.

At noon today, Dr. W. N. Huntington reported that a daughter, Anna, aged 12 years, cannot live because of burns received in the fire and the mother's condition is very unfavorable.

Search of the ruins of the building which housed ten people Monday night revealed only scattered traces of the bodies of the six who died in the ruins; and none of the bodies could be identified. In fact, only a few bones were distinguishable to-day and all were brought together and placed in a single box. The almost complete consumption of the bodies was due to the excessive heat of the fire, the building burning like tinder.

There are three other children remaining in the family. They were not at home the night of the fire. There are two boys and one girl, the former two working out and the girl attending Rochester high school.

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Governor Hartness opened the meeting. Following brief introduction remarks, he presented Miss Katherine Huntington, regional director for New England for the League of Women Voters. She also spoke at some length on the aims of the league and answered questions concerning it. Other speakers were Lieutenant-Governor Abram W. Foote, Miss Carrie Emerson of Brandon, and Mrs. Oliver T. Johnson of St. Louis, Mo., one of the directors of the National League of Women Voters.

Miss Ormsbee created favor by the statement that "conviction of obligation and readiness of sacrifice is the patriotic motto which I wish the women of Vermont would adopt." Miss Ormsbee paid a high tribute to Prof. S. F. Emerson of the University of Vermont and told of his coming to Brandon some time ago to speak before the women. Professor Emerson had urged the women at that time to use the vote intelligently but not as politicians.

Miss Ormsbee said, among